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FOLLOWING REPEAT DAR ES SALAAM 4755 ACTION LONDON IMMEDIATE
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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: TALKS WITH THE BRITISH

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1. FROM PERSPECTIVE HERE, EMPHASIS OF TALKS REPORTED REFTEL
IS RIGHT ON TARGET BY OBTAINING BRITISH AGREEMENT ON "NEED TO
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MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY TO BRING RHODESIA NEGOTIATIONS TO A HEAD."
THAT, I BELIEVE, IS WHAT NYERERE WANTS TO DO IN CURRENT
EFFORTS WITH FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS. WHEN HE RETURNS FROM
LUSAKA, HE MAY WELL BE IN A POSITION TO TELL US WHAT FRONT
LINE PRESIDENTS ARE PREPARED TO DO TO GET AFRICAN BACKING FOR
INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS AND ELECTIONS. IF HE IS, HE WOULD THEN
WANT US TO GIVE HIM MORE THAN REHASH OF WHITE PAPER PROPOSALS;

INSTEAD, HE WILL EXPECT TO HEAR WHAT WE PLAN TO DO ABOUT
GETTING RID OF SMITH AND MOVING ON.

2. THUS, CENTRAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN A HIGH LEVEL US/UK DELE-
GATION AND FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS WOULD BE ABOUT A "TOTAL
PACKAGE" (PARA 3 REFTTEL) THAT IS ACTION ORIENTED RATHER THAN
MERELY CONSULTATIVE. WITH THAT IN MIND, IT IS UNCLEAR HOW
FURTHER CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN UK AND ZIMBABWE NATIONALISTS --
ESPECIALLY SITHOLE AND MUZOREWA-- FIT INTO SCENARIO. SUCH
MEETING -- INCLUDING MALTA WITH PATRIOTIC FRONT -- MIGHT BE
USEFUL AFTER HIGH LEVEL TALKS WITH FRONT LINE TO PROVIDE
OPPORTUNITY FOR ZIMBABWE NATIONALISTS TO REACT TO ACTION PLAN.
COMING BEFORE MAJOR MEETING, HOWEVER, THEY ARE APT TO BE
SEEN BY MOST AFRICANS AS JUST MORE WAFFLING. SPAIN
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